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SUMMARY. REPORTING ON CAMP DAVID I RELATIVELY LIGHT, WITH COMMENTARIES CONTINUING TO STRESS EGYPTIAN REJECTION OF PARTIAL SOLUTIONS. GUMHURIYYA CALLS ON U.S. TO DEVELOP PRINCIPLES BASED ON CONCEPTS OF WITHDRAWAL AND LEGITIMATE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS INCLUDED IN OCTOBER 1977
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U.S.-SOVIET STATEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. FRONT-PAGE REPORTING OF PEACE PROCESS AUGUST 24 IS RELATIVELY LIGHT. AHRAM HIGHLIGHTS VP MONDALE'S STATEMENT THAT AMERICA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PRESENT PROPOSALS AND IDEAS FOR PEACE AT CAMP DAVID, BUT DOES NOT INTEND TO PRESENT A SPECIFIC PLAN. AKHBAR PLAYS UP CROWN PRINCE

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FAHD'S DESCRIPTION OF CAMP DAVID AS "LAST CHANCE" FOR PEACE. GUMHURIYYA CHARACTERIZES AS "STRANGE"BEGIN'S STATEMENT TO LIKUD THAT THERE MAY NOT BE AGREEMENT AT CAMP DAVID IF ISRAEL IS ASKED TO REMOVE SETTLEMENTS.

2. BEGIN. ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS ON BACK PAGE, AHRUQAX CARRIES UNFLATTERING REMARKS ABOUT BEGIN IN THE CONTEXT OF ANIS MANSOUR'S COMMENTARY ON A FILM TO BE MADE ABOUT BEGIN'S YOUTH "WHEN HE WAS A TERRORIST". MANSOUR SAYS THE ACTOR PORTRAYING BEGIN WILL HAVE TO EXHIBIT THE "MOST COMPLEX COLORS OF BITTERNESS AND RESENTMENT." BEGIN IS DESCRIBED AS THE "KILLER" AT DEIR YASSIN.

3. GUMHURIYYA'S HODA TEWFIK SPELLS OUT REQUIREMENTS FOR U.S. TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN ITS ROLE AS FULL PARTNER. FIRST, U.S. MUST DEFINE THE PRINCIPLES OF A SOLUTION, WHICH SHOULD BE BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF WITHDRAWAL AND LEGITIMATE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS AS INCLUDED IN THE OCTOBER 1977 U.S. SOVIET DECLARATION. (NOTE: THIS IS FIRST MENTION OF THIS STATEMENT IN QUITE SOME TIME.) SECOND, U.S. ADMINISTRATION MUST STAND FAST AGAINST ZIONIST PRESSURE, TELLING AMERICAN PEOPLE AND CONGRESS THE FACTS AND MAKING CLEAR TO ISRAEL THAT SHE CANNOT HAVE BOTH LAND AND PEACE. EDITORIALS IN AHRAM AND AKHBAR HIGHLIGHT ADAT'S REJECTION OF PARTIAL SOLUTION AND EGYPT'S STRESS ON ACHIEVING JUST PEACE WHICH SOLVES PALESTINIAN
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PROBLEM.

4. AL MUSAWWAR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF SABI ABUL MAGD SAYS MANY ARABS BELIEVE CAMP DAVID IS THE LAST CARD, BUT "EGYPT DOES NOT BELIEVE THIS." NONETHELESS, A FAILURE AT CAMP DAVID WOULD HAVE A BAD AFFECT ON AMERICAN-ARAB RELATIONS AND U.S. MUST TAKE FIRM MEASURES TOWARD BEGIN WHO, LIKE ISRAELI LEADERS IN THE PAST, DOES NOT WANT A JUST AND LASTING PEACE. SAME MAGAZINE NOTES IN ANOTHER ARTICLE THAT ISRAELIS ARE STILL ALLOCATING FUNDS TO EXPLORE FOR OIL IN GULF OF SUEZ AND SINAI, AND THAT AMERICAN COMPANIES ARE PARTICIPATING IN SUCH EXPLORATION. PAPER ASKS WHY TUH LASE ACTIVITIES ARE TAKING PLACE IF ISRAEL IS EXPECTED TO WITHDRAW. EILTS

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